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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Senegal to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the Organization and has the honour to transmit to him herewith, for publication as a document of the Security Council, the statement made by the President of the Republic of Senegal, His Excellency Mr. Abdou Diouf, in his capacity as current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, on the General Peace Agreement for Mozambique.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Senegal would be grateful to the Secretary-General for a speedy response to this request.

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Annex

Statement by His Excellency Mr. Abdou Diouf, President of the Republic of Senegal and current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, on the signing of the General Peace Agreement for Mozambique at Rome on 4 October 1992

Africa, whose major concern is to see peace and security in all its regions, welcomed with pride and great joy the signing of the General Peace Agreement for Mozambique on 4 October 1992 at Rome.

This important document, the result of international solidarity and of goodwill on the part of all segments of Mozambican society offers Mozambicans an opportunity to transcend their political and ideological differences and an ideal framework within which to work together, in unity and brotherhood, to rebuild their great country.

This significant step towards reconciliation in Mozambique should be commended, encouraged and supported because it is the way to salvation for the Mozambican people and also a valuable contribution to the establishment of a lasting climate of peace and security in southern Africa.

In my dual capacity as President of Senegal and current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, I should like to give my full support to these efforts for national reconciliation in Mozambique, to urge all the signatories to the Agreement to persevere on the very responsible course they have chosen and to ask the international community, and the United Nations in particular, to increase their support for this process so as to render it irreversible.

This is also the occasion for me to pay a well-deserved tribute, through the Government and people of Italy, to the international community and to all those who assisted this considerable endeavour.

I ask in particular that all the people of Mozambique, whose dignity and political maturity I should like to emphasize, learn from the lessons of the past and refrain from any action that might jeopardize their wise choice to reconcile and unite with one another in order to promote the economic and social development of their country.

If Africa is to attempt to meet the serious economic and social challenges it faces and regain its true place in the international community, it is absolutely essential that all of its peoples unite within their respective borders, as their cultural and traditional values demand.

It is in this spirit that the Mozambican people must act, and they can surely count on African solidarity and the support of the international community to help their actions succeed.

(Signed) Abdou DIOUF